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Mr. Ralph Lombardo
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Dear Mr. Lombardo:

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection was pleased to participate in the teleconference of August 22, 1991 with representatives of the Navy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Department is encouraged that issues can be resolved as long as good communications between the parties can be maintained. The purpose of this letter is to review the State's understanding of the progress of the disputed Focused Feasibility Study for sites 1 and 3 at NASB.

In dispute are MEDEP's concerns regarding the adequacy of the target clean-up level for vinyl chloride, the appropriate consideration of State guidelines, and the Navy's response to MEDEP comments. It was agreed that these issues can be settled with further discussion and that the following steps will be taken:

1. The Navy will consider the issues in the State's letter of August 15, 1991 and will prepare written responses.
2. The MEDEP will be provided with these responses and will be given the opportunity to review the responses prior to meeting with Navy and EPA representatives.
3. A meeting involving Navy, EPA, and MEDEP representatives will be held on September 12, 1991 in Portland to discuss these responses and to resolve any pertinent issues.
4. Upon final settlement of these issues, the Navy will reissue a draft final document.

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It is the State's understanding that the Draft Final Focused Feasibility Study for Sites 1 and 3 will be reissued and will contain a provision that at the completion of the final remedy the Navy will reevaluate the total site risk, and that further remedial action will be undertaken if the excess cancer risk is found to be outside the upper limit specified in the NCP.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at (207) 289-2651.

Sincerely,

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